

**Visitors.....**if you are joining us today for the first time, and would like more information about Southminster, please fill out the **Connection Card** that can be found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

**What's Happening**

**This Week at Southminster:**

**Today**

Islam Class 11:00am  
Artist Way Class 5-7pm

**Tuesday**

Men's breakfast & /Study 6:30am

**Wednesday**

PW gathering @ Bishop House 11am  
Handbell/Choir rehearsal 6 & 7pm

**Thursday**

Book Discussion 7pm

Candy donations needed for our Easter Egg hunt. Bite-size candies, please! Pre-filled eggs are welcome.

**Hopefully Yours Sale April 26th & 27th**

Start your spring cleaning now so you are ready to make your donations to the sale.

Susan will be out of the office this Wednesday the 3rd.

Reservations still available for Dinners for 8 Friday and Saturday, April 5 & 6. See Liz Leonardson after worship today to sign up for the date and location you prefer, or call, text 907 957 0285, or email her at [liz.leo55@gmail.com](mailto:liz.leo55@gmail.com).

**New Member Class**

If you are interested in finding out more about Southminster, and maybe even joining the church, please come to our New Member classes **this morning and April 7th.**

**PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP**

**March 31st**

Preaching: Marci Glass  
Liturgist: Jill Gertje  
Greeter:  
Ushers: Beth Baker  
Judy Evans  
Roger & Darleen Brown

**April 7th**

Preaching: Marci Glass  
Liturgist: Cheryl Marshall  
Greeter: Kristy Wymond  
Ushers: Kay Hamilton, Ian Bott  
Jim & Leila Inlow  
Servers: Phil Woodford  
Genny Crume  
Larry Andrews  
Kiran Spees



For when the **foolish** took their lamps,  
they **took no oil** with them,  
but the **wise** took  
**flasks of oil** with their lamps.

Matthew 25:3-4

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**March 31, 2019**

An open and affirming community, seeking a caring and just society.

## The Gathering

### Prelude

### **Largo Theme (from New World Symphony)**

- J.A. Dvorak

### \*Call to Worship

Listen for God's voice, seek God's teaching.

### **Tell of God's glorious deeds, God's works of wonder and might.**

God says, "I will open my mouth in a parable. I will utter ancient sayings.

### **We will not hide God's teaching from our children. We will tell them to the coming generations—the glorious deeds of God and the wonders God has done.**

Let us worship in joy and hope.

### \*Hymn 362

### **Rejoice, Rejoice Believers**

### Call To Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we confess the ways our envy contributes to the wounds of the world. Rather than working for our own provision, we envy the fruits of other people's labor. Rather than acknowledging the privilege we have, and sharing with gratitude, we bemoan the work required to create a more equitable world for all. Forgive our lack of labor and preparation. Wake us up, so we may wait with intention, preparing for your coming realm with actions that bring light to the shadows, hope to the weary, and the light of justice for all of your children. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

God's grace is abundant. God's love is never ending. Friends, the gospel affirms that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the peace of Christ be with you.

### **And also with you.**

*As you greet one another, feel free to move around the sanctuary welcoming new friends and old*

### \*Hymn 791

vs 1, 2,4,6

### **For You, My God, I Wait**

Prayer request will be received at this time

### Announcements

**\*Please rise in body or spirit**

Congregation speaks together the **BOLD-FACED** words

### Time with the Children

Children are welcome to stay in worship or quietly use the prayer center. Pre-school and younger can also go up to the nursery.

### Anthem

Chancel Choir

### **Keep Your Lamps**

-arr. By Andre Thomas

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Dear God, your people are listening. May the words we hear today be your Word. May your Spirit open our hearts, minds, and souls to receive you now. Amen

### Scripture

**Matthew 25:1-13**

### Sermon

## The Response and the Sending

### Offering / Offertory

### **There Is a Balm in Gilead**

-Spiritual, arr. R.J. Powell

### \*Doxology 215

vs. 1

### **What Wondrous Love is This**

### Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

### \*Hymn 350

### **Keep Your Lamps, Trimmed and Burning**

### Benediction

### Postlude

### **Plenty Good Room**

-Spiritual, arr. L. Larson

### Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Marci Glass - Sermon

Susan Pohl - Organist

Claudia Sutherland - Choir Director